Please pardon the appearance of these sheets to the ink is new & I don't quite understand how to manage it. I can't write it over well.

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SUPERINTENDENT.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, Nov 27 1882

Mrs F. E. H. Haines
Cor. Sec. Woman's Ex. Com. Home Missions Pres Ch.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 21st inst at hand. In regard to Miss Wood - I can see no reason to change my views in regard to her remaining here at the school. At the same time I believe no one person is absolutely necessary to the success of the school and have no doubt that many young ladies could be found to take her place. I don't think the position is correct that "the Government authorities wish to eliminate the old material in the school at time of trouble there" - they want to remove the trouble makers.

I have not been able to learn that Miss Wood took an active part in the contest, she & Miss Auld acted quietly - the leaders of the trouble were Miss Shields & Miss Peabody. I doubt not Miss Wood has her views on the questions in controversy though I know not what

Troy who will always support her in what she does and yet at the same time they should not be unreasonable and should know the whole truth.

I thought when I first came & looked at the field that I could get along with both Miss B. & Miss M. & still think I can, for I could take measures to prevent at least the appearance of peace & good-will. When word came that Miss B must go I did not repine because I knew there were plenty of better women to take her place and I feel the same now in regard to Miss Mood.

To guard against pride I have told the ladies often that their places could be easily filled and that not one of us was an indispensible element in the progress of the school.

You ask me to destroy your letter. I inclose it herewith if as it would perhaps do no good to circulate my views on this subject I beg to ask that you will destroy this letter.

Yours very truly

Ruth Ryan

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they are. I have talked on the past with Miss Verbeek only since I learned that she was to go. And I have frankly told her that her conduct could not be justified on any moral principle - she said that if she went away people would say that she was driven away & there would be some odium attached to her name - I replied that it might then perhaps be some satisfaction to her to remember that she had taken away from Miss Auld so far as some people were concerned her good name - her reputation for chastity & that without the slightest grounds - that she could not have done in my judgement a greater wrong.

Miss Verbeek is at the present very pleasant and appears desirous of doing every thing she can. I think I can get along with her. The old sore however rankles and she is always anxious to get hold of any thing that appears to cast discredit upon the former administration.

Another thing - Miss Wood never does anything or offers any suggestion that meets Miss B. approval and the misery of it is that she does not hesitate to express her disapproval by word & action. Of course that is a very small matter but it occasions discomfort.

I don't think Miss Wood entertains the kindliest feelings toward Miss B. but she is less open in expressions of hostility Miss B. when she heard from Lucy said that Miss Wood was going too & she thought seemed to give her much satisfaction. I told her however that I did not believe that Miss W's removal had been called for and that there was not the same reason. I can't write everything & perhaps I have already written too much but when your letter came I felt like writing even more fully than perhaps prudence would suggest. In the Bible here you are tempted to effect a cure by ointment when a Knife was needed. A great mistake is made when the position is taken that Miss Shields & Miss Peabody were in the right and free from blame. Miss Peabody has no doubt strong friends in

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Mrs F. E. H. Haines;
Cor. Secy Home Mission Board Pres. Ch.,
My dear Madam;

Yours of the 12th inst rec'd.
I am glad that my letter of the 7th ult,
did not offend you — I believe it was all
true but it is not always polite to make
the truth known.

In regard to Mr. & Mrs Helbig — your letter
did them much good, although they won-
dered why the name of the writer did not
appear in the printed heading. They are
somewhat notional and I cannot tell
yet what their plans will be. I intend
when I pay them at the end of this quarter
to have a definite understanding
with them & will then let you know.

In many respects they are excellent help
they have their faults. I think I will
keep them if they will stay. They take
a genuine interest in the work and I
am sure would afterwards be very
sorry if they should determine to leave us.

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If they go – it will be almost impossible to find anyone here to take their places. I don't think it at all necessary to have a man & wife and I think it would be very much harder to find a suitable couple than to find two single persons.

Miss Wood told me of Miss Smith and I thought she would fill the position very well & asked Miss Wood to suggest it to her. It seems that she has some hesitancy about being paid by the Board otherwise she seems disposed to come. I don't wonder that you are a little perplexed to know just what I want in the way of help but the fact is that this being a new business for me and then the school growing so much larger than I expected that I have been troubled to know exactly what I did want.

I think that for a school of 100 pupils in order to have all its operations faithfully carried on without laying

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too great a burden upon any one I should have as assistants, 3 teachers, a matron & an assistant matron, a seamstress & an assistant seamstress, a laundress & Mr & Mrs Helbig or persons to do their work. This without any provision for teaching the boys trades.

Miss Sue Patten is to help her sister and there will be plenty for her to do. I don't know that I need go into details any housekeeper knows how many little things require attention in so large a family. The children require a great deal of attention, both the boys and the girls do much of the actual work such as sweeping, dusting, making beds & fires, cleaning lamps (we have about 40 in use), scrubbing and working in the dining room and kitchen but they require constant supervision because they are not only ignorant of the manner of doing the work properly but they will slur their work if left to themselves

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It is important that a school like this shoues be kept clean and especially now that we are so crouded.

As to the seamstress so much of the time is now taken up in mending that there is very little time left to teach sewing. In one sense the girls are learning when they are helping mend but while that work is necessary I do not regard it the work the girls should be taught to cut out and make their own clothing. Every week there are 60 or more stockings to be darned and as many shirts to be mended and nearly every day a tear in coat or pants requires attention. You ask me what help we need to make things work right and I reply that in the sewing department we should have two teachers. We can get along however with one for the present.

My idea of a laundress' work is that she should take entire charge of the washing and ironing - she would do some of the work of washing herself but the

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the wash is too great for one ecow with the help of the Indian girls and we would still be compelled to employ Mexican women. She would do the ironing with the aid of our girls. This work would occupy her for about 3 days each week and I would expect her to assist Mrs Helbig in the kitchen during the balance of the week. The work would of course be hard but I do not think it would overtax the strength of a vigorous young women. She should take an interest in her work and feel that she was doing something more than merely earning so much a month. She would exert an influence over both girls and boys and could do a great deal of good. I believe that if the lives of our teachers (I regard all the helpers as teachers - there are no servants about the school) are consistent and faithful they will do as much if not more toward lifting up the purposes & desires of these Indians than direct teaching.

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I fear I will weary you with any much writing but I have one or two more things to say. Miss Patten received a letter the other day from a Miss Butler from St Louis who said she expected to come here soon as a teacher.

You did not suggest before that I write in regard to Miss Brockman but I will do so at once and I most certainly hope that one of them will come soon. I have just finished a new school house and furnished it with the new desks just received from Chicago and it looks very nice. We now have seating room for 100 or rather 94 pupils. Our recitation room awaits the arrival of the new teacher and I was in hopes she would be here by the first of the year so that we could arrange our program and start right for the work of the new quarter. Our teachers receive much sympathy from visitors on account of the long school sessions & am blamed for making them teach six hours a day and then requiring an hour's attendance in the evening

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Monroe's Vocal ~~and~~ Gymnastic Chart is not as you seem to think designed to teach singing. It is an oratorical exercise designed to assist in acquiring the sounds of speech. I think it would be great service to us as beginners require very elaborate drills on the sounds of the letters.

I cannot tell you how very much disappointed we are at not receiving the readers. We have conducted the school now nearly three months with practically no books. Every time a boy came the teachers would inquire most eagerly if it contained the readers. The books of Janet Byrne entitled Picture Teaching have proved invaluable, but we had only a dozen of them. If I had suspected there would have been such a delay I would have ordered them myself. We received the books from Baines but we do not like them and do not think they are at all adapt

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ted to our work. We want books with plenty of pictures and easy words. I don't know much about the Webb Readers but supposed they were good because used at Carlisle & Hampton.

The Franklin Series of Readers published by Taintor Bros. Merrill & Co. No 18 Astor Pl. are so far as we can judge well adapted to our purpose — we have seen only specimen pages. In my letter of Oct 11 I asked for 2 doz 1st Readers, 2 doz 2nd Readers, 1 doz 3rd Readers & 1 doz. 4th Readers, and I therein urged you to send them by express at once. We have been looking and longing for them ever since. Please don't let us wait any longer. At some of the second hand stores you might find the Webb Readers, or McGuffey's though perhaps the Franklin would serve us best.

You are very kind to think favorably of our work and it is gratifying to know that you are satisfied that we are doing our best to make it a success. I am glad to say that

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So far there has been very little friction and as a rule all the work is done with a zeal begotton only by a genuine love for the cause. We cannot forget that it is new work for some of us and the others are effected by new methods so that we dare not venture to foretell what the future will be. I cannot realize that it is six months since I saw you in N.Y.

I am so much interested in my charges & have so many varied interests to look after that the time passes with marvellous rapidity.

I do not however feel that we are doing as much as we should. When I think of the 10000 children in Arizona & New Mexico needing instruction, when I see that it is the prevailing opinion that education alone can settle the Indian question, not only with Government officials & politicians but also with all the friends of the Indians & even their enemies here, I feel impatient and begin to doubt my worth because I must content myself with a paltry hundred when I might have a thousand.

Yours very truly
R W D Bryan

Albuquerque Indian School,
R. W. D. Bryan, Supt.
1882 - December 19.

Miss Grace Cummings
Ashton Md.
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Mrs. J. E. H. Harris

Dear Madam:- At
last I can send you
the long-waited-for
letter from the doctor.
I hope it is not too
late. I am more anx-
ious now than ever
to go to work. Please
let me hear from
you soon whether you
think I can have
hopes of going.

Sincerely Yours -
Grace Cummings

is really an excellent woman and a broken hearted one, though such a strong Marman. Peter - Mr. W. has just brought home Mrs. W. No. 3. and baby - he had her living North some where for the past few years but concluded to have them all together. Wife No. 2. lives here also. You see we are in the midst of the enemy. We opened school four weeks ago in the building purchased by Mr. Cart for the Board and have a very pleas- and room. We have made it very attractive with fancy - work - pictures - curtains and Maps - and Mottoes - The Marman school buildings are two little old log huts - Not fit: to place a pet horse in .. in winter - several of the children froze their feet last winter in them. So you see having our room warm and pleasant is to our advantage - We have twenty pupils enrolled - with the promise of perhaps twenty more when the "taters are digged" (Parowan dialect) We find the children very bright and excellent students - I never taught a school where the children studied as hard as these do

Miss Grace Canning
ans'd in part 1[illegible]/80.

Parowan Utah Oct. 27. '80.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines &c

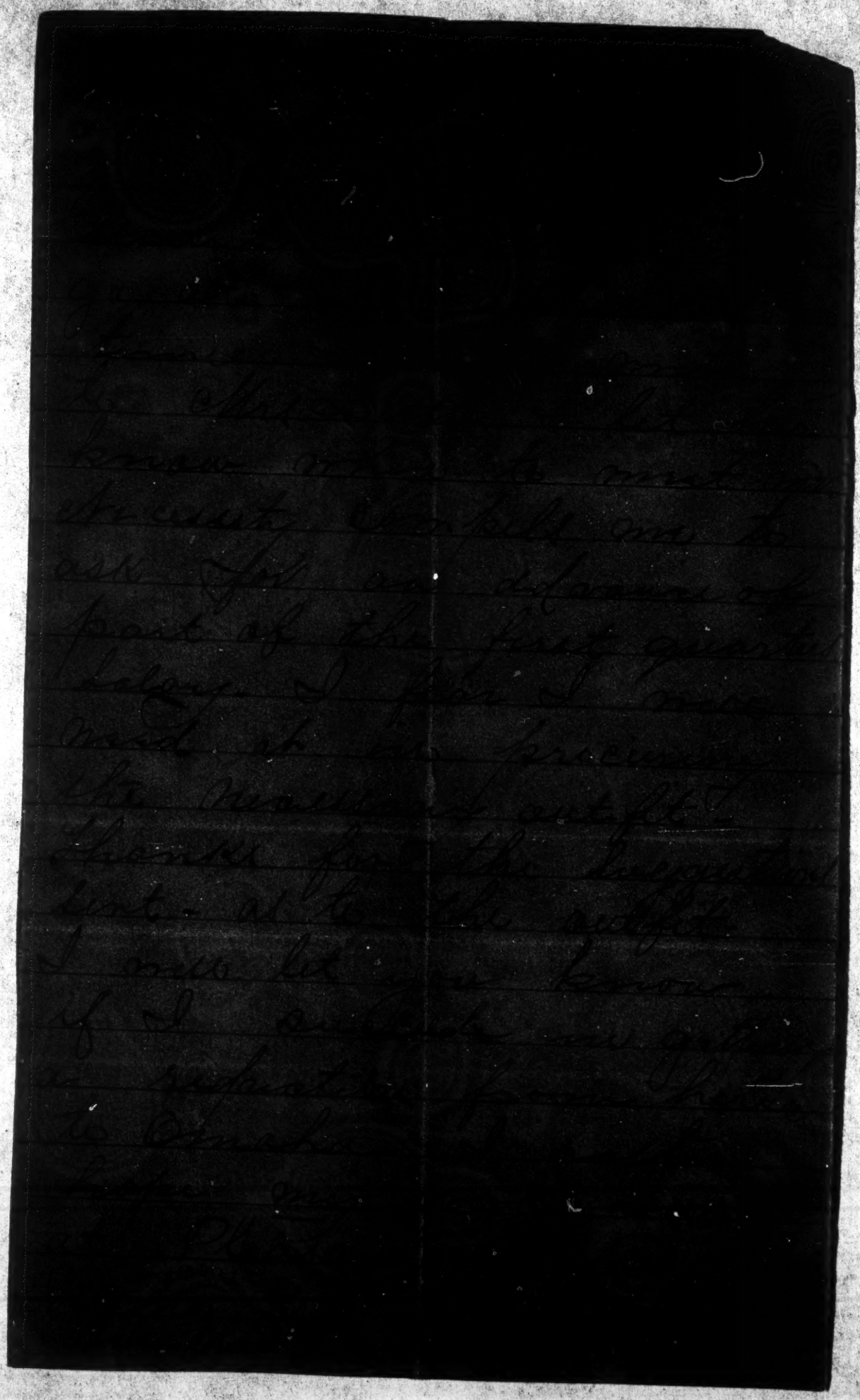
Dear Friend: - I am not going to say much of our Journey for I presume you have heard it from the whole thirteen. You know that fourteen ladies bent in the same direction and on the same errand, could hardly fail in having a very enjoyable time - I think we enjoyed every moment - from the time we left Omaha until we reached Salt Lake City. Mr. & Mrs Little - who by the way is a lovely lady - met us at O. We were very kindly received by the ladies of the Church

who entertained us until Monday. I found the thirteen ladies who were entire strangers to me until Sat. at Omaha, noble, thoughtful women, with whom I found it a pleasure to talk, and with whom I was, and am proud to be classed in work. I am very fortunate in having, for an associate teacher- Miss Smalley of Waverly Iowa. She is one of the noblest girls I ever met - and as we have grown to love each other very much enjoy working together- I fear though that we will not be able to stay long together for the work here does not require, really two teachers as yet. I will begin at the beginning and tell you of Parowan. and its people. It is a very pretty place or could be made so if the people had any enterprise in their composition. It is six thousand feet above the level- with high Mts. on all sides. Little Salt Lake is five miles north of us - The dryest lake by the way that you ever saw. As there is not a drop of water in it. The lake does not look as though it was more than one mile away. We have perfect days here - days in which it is simply a pleasure to live - and yet the people are so - lazy! There are perhaps one thousand inhabitants - Mormons and Infidels with the exception of three or four families. We are boarding with the Royal family - that is - Mrs Stenmer etc. is a daughter of the great Joseph Smith's cousins - and the people here worship her as a being of more than ordinary clay. She

Friday afternoons we have a sewing society where we spend two hours very pleasantly and profitably - teaching sewing and fancy work. Several who are not members of our school have joined our sewing circle. I think we can reach some of the older ones in this way. We will open a reading room as soon as we get reading matter together. Several grown people have expressed a desire for an evening school. They are - as a class - terribly ignorant - and seem to be rousing up to a sense of their ignorance. We will be able to commence the evening school about Dec. 1st. Miss [illegible] said myself have had some odd experiences in calling. The people have treated us very courteously thus far - better than

We expected, as 6th the Com. at Salt Lake City very considerately informed us that this was one of the hardest places in the territory. We are very happy in our work and feel that with Gods help we can do some good to the poor Mormon Women and Children at least. Sunday School has not been a success thus far, but we hope for some thing better soon. Mr. Cart holds Gospell Meetings in the after noons - that is Sabbath afternoons - and very often has an audience of a hundred and ten or fifteen. I must tell you the answer given by one of Miss L-s five year old primmer scholars. The word Cat was up for discussion and she asked what we kept cats for: his little hand came up and in a clear confident voice said "We keep cats to raise kittens!"

Miss Smalley with my self send much love to you. We would like to hear from you soon.

Very Sincerely Yours - Grace Cammy

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